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House Resolution No. 327

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State sports programs which embody the highly positive characteristics of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, drive, and determination; and

Whereas, Springfield Spirit is an amateur ice hockey team which is affiliated with the North American Hockey League for players between the ages of sixteen and twenty; and

Whereas, a feeder program for players interested in getting scholarships at major colleges, Springfield Spirit is quickly becoming one of the top Junior A hockey programs in the United States; and

Whereas, Springfield Spirit prides itself in providing players with a training ground to develop hockey and life skills and to make the transition to the highest level of competition in the world; and

Whereas, Springfield Spirit enjoys the respect, enthusiasm, and interaction of sports fans, business owners, and the greater Springfield community; and

Whereas, members of the Springfield community open their homes and have team members live as a part of the family during the playing season; and

Whereas, Springfield Spirit's move to the new Jordan Valley Ice Park has helped with the revitalization of the downtown area; and

Whereas, Springfield Spirit comes together as a team with energy, courage, pride, and a fierce desire to play the game of hockey with loyalty and devotion to teammates and to the city of Springfield:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the history of Springfield Spirit and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and athletic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Springfield Spirit hockey program.

Offered by Representative Sara Lampe District No. 138
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 327, adopted February 1, 2005.
Rod Jetton, Speaker